

**MPSC Expectations for
Midwest ISO Transmission Expansion Plan 2009 (MTEP 09) Process**

**Presented to the Michigan Planning Consortium
Information Sharing and Local Planning Assumptions Workgroup**

1. MPC shall mesh with and add value to the MISO transmission planning process and Michigan's state resource planning processes by identifying and resolving differences among Michigan stakeholders in a transparent and collaborative forum.
2. Consensus-based plan for MTEP 09 projects in Michigan portion of Midwest ISO East subregion, including specific recommendations for transmission projects that should move forward for Midwest ISO Board approval. If consensus not reached:
 - a. Minority positions on projects, issues, and concerns to be clearly stated in writing and understood by all participants before draft MTEP is presented to the Midwest ISO Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), Advisory Committee, or Board of Directors.
 - b. MTEP report and presentation to Midwest ISO Board should also reflect those minority positions.
3. Midwest ISO planning deadlines to be met by all participants. Projects should not be reviewed by the Midwest ISO for Appendix A consideration in MTEP 09 unless all relevant project information is provided to the Midwest ISO by a pre-established deadline. Exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case for extenuating circumstances.
4. Up front agreement on types of additional information that will be shared with stakeholders and timelines for responding to requests for additional information requests among MPC parties, including turnaround deadlines.
5. Requests for information and responses to be documented.
6. Burden is on LSEs and other stakeholders to identify issues or concerns with planning criteria or assumptions early in the process. MPC to determine which of those issues can be addressed for implementation in the MTEP 09, and which need to be worked on for MTEP 2010 implementation.
7. No surprises by any participant. Some changes are inevitable but need to forewarn and explain to subregional planning meeting participants any changes (or expected changes) in project information, needs, assumptions, etc. that may affect planning analysis and decisions.
8. Inclusive planning process that recognizes value of all parties' contributions early in the process, including the identification and scoping of new studies. Broader set of stakeholders may be affected with implementation of Michigan's new energy law.
9. Process for review and potential re-evaluation of approved transmission projects should be established in the event of changes in project needs, other infrastructure development plans, state decisions, etc. (E.g., if a transmission project for wind zone offsets or changes need or timing of a medium-term reliability project.)
10. Reliability, economic, and generation interconnection planning to meet Michigan's infrastructure needs and legislative requirements to be integrated.
11. Examine role of energy efficiency and distributed generation as potential resource options, and not just as an adjustment to the load forecast.